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SUBJECT : Ta Ching Construction at Lu-ta Shipyard
Dairen, China

REFERENCE : Requirement NSA/SPO/R155-70
NPIC Project No. 250779

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1. In response to the referenced requirement, all available photography of the Lu-ta Shipyard subsequent to [] was reexamined for possible Ta Ching 30 and 31 tanker construction. The results were negative. Appended is an estimated schedule of Ta Ching tanker production at Lu-ta since []. The information is derived from available photography and open source material. This method of production suggests pre-assigned block numbers, and may indicate that ships numbered 30 and 31 have not been built yet. If these two vessels are built in the future, Lu-ta Shipyard Dairen, Shang-hai Naval Base and Shipyard Chiang-nan, and Shang-hai Shipyard Hu-tung would all be capable of producing additional tankers of this size. No related activity is present at this time at any of these yards.

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2. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the imagery analyst, [] of the China-North Korea Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension []. This project is considered to be complete.

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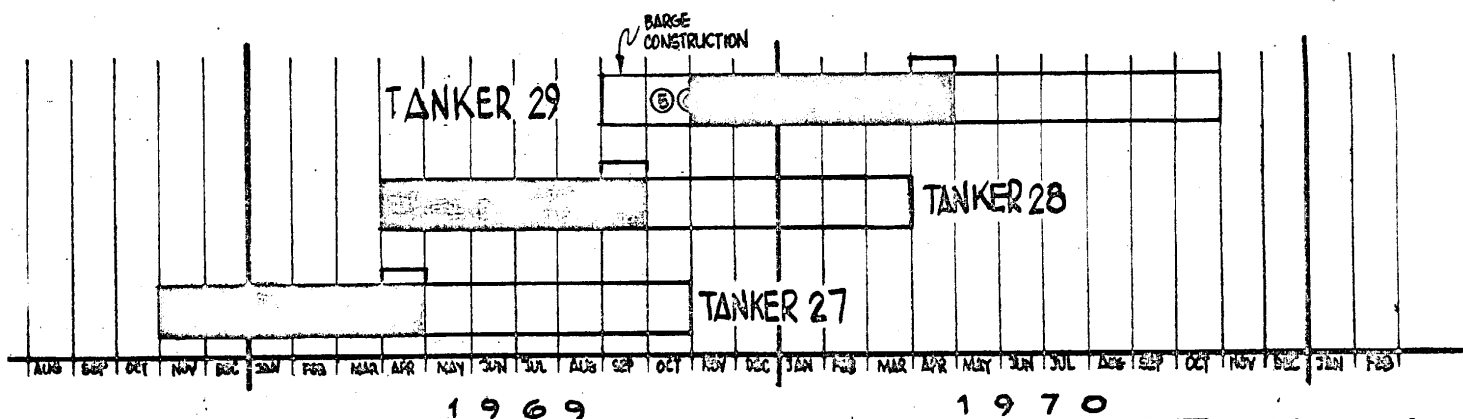
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ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF TA CHING TANKER PRODUCTION Nov 68-Oct 70 LUTA SHIPYARD DAIREN



PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

- ① Cargo vessel formerly on way #3* fitting out (way appears empty)
- ② Work underway on merchant hull on way #3
- ③ Vessel formerly on way #3 fitting out at end of ways
- ④ Merchant tanker on way #3 in advanced stage of construction, vessel formerly on way in graving dock
- ⑤ Tanker formerly on way #3 fitting out at end of ways, work underway on two POL barges on way #3
- ⑥ Tanker formerly on way #3 fitting out at end of ways; two barges on way #3 appear near launching stage
- ⑦ Work underway on merchant hull on way #3
- ⑧ Merchant tanker on way #3 in advanced stage of construction
- ⑨ Tanker formerly on way #3 fitting out at pier, several small craft now on way #3

ESTIMATED WAY PERIOD
LAUNCH PERIOD
(OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION)
ESTIMATED FITTING-OUT PERIOD

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*Way #3 interpreted as that furthest from graving dock

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